Using the Perdisco Online Homework System

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Why not just use Blackboard to do the online homework?

Vista/Blackboard homework used in the past.

- Biggest complaint from our students was the lack of feedback.
- Biggest complaint from lecturers was that students spent more time trying to figure out how to get Blackboard to give them the best score than actually solving the statistical problems.
- Biggest complaint from both students and lecturers was that it is very difficult to write good statistical questions that could be answered in a meaningful way in this format.
- Many technical problems, as well, and nobody to help us!
Why use Perdisco to do the online homework?

Used for several semesters with good success.

- Quality of explanations is excellent.
- Each time you do a problem, the numbers or stories change (reduces cheating, keeps you challenged to think each time).
- Great technical support!
- Allows us time to focus on helping you with the statistical concepts instead of fighting annoying technical issues.
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- **360Textbooks**
  - AlgorithmicHomework
  - E-Workbooks

**360Textbooks**

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The Introductory Statistics 360Textbook offers students a new and more thorough approach to learning. Academically consistent and tightly integrated, this interactive resource combines narrative theory, vivid instructional videos, integrated Algorithmic Homework case studies and audio podcasts to immerse students in Statistics from every learning angle.

**Algorithmic Homework**

What is AlgorithmicHomework?

**Introductory Statistics**
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- Work at your own pace
- Receive virtual tutoring, even outside of class hours
- Get unlimited practice on the topics you don't understand - so you'll get them right next time
- Prepare for assignments and exams so you can work towards the grades you want.

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Creating New User Account

1. Type in “Purdue University”.
2. Click on “Purdue University” (towards the bottom of the list).
3. Type in your e-mail address.
4. You will then receive an e-mail from Perdisco describing how to set up your account.
5. Please use your Purdue (Blackboard) username as your login so that we can more easily match up your homework grades to our Blackboard sites. You can make your password whatever you want.
6. You do not need to enter a Student ID number. We don’t use it with their system.
Using Perdisco

There are 2 categories of problems on Perdisco:

1. **Practice questions** (not graded but give useful feedback)

2. **Graded homework questions** (graded, scores reported to us, useful feedback)

You do not HAVE to do the practice questions, but they are recommended to help you prepare for the graded homework questions.
Graded homework questions

- You are allowed 2 attempts at each homework assignment, but you are required to attempt each homework only once.
- Your higher score is the one that will be recorded in Blackboard.
- Before using Perdisco to do the first homework, you should read over the links for “Graded homework help” (in the Perdisco system).
- You should always print out the questions with feedback after each attempt so that you will have them for studying for the final exam. Once a unit’s deadline has passed, it is unavailable in the Perdisco system.
- You should always keep a record of the grades you get on each assignment so that you can verify what we record in Blackboard.
Feedback is valuable

• Please take the time to read over the feedback that Perdisco gives you after submitting each assignment.

• The excellent feedback is the main reason we chose this system.

• Your lecturers hand-picked each question you are shown in the graded homework and approved the explanations, so it will be consistent with what you will need for the exams.
Help!?! 

- **Technical trouble?** E-mail support@perdisco.com. They are excellent about helping you within 24 hours.

- **Statistics trouble?** Come to office hours or e-mail your lecturer.